Eubanks named Assistant Manager of History and Genealogy Department

St. Louis County Library is pleased to announce that Jacob Eubanks has accepted the position of Assistant Manager of the History and Genealogy Department. His first day was Monday October 20.

Jacob was previously the Local History Librarian at Johnson County Library, Overland Park, Kansas, where he was a subject specialist in local and public history, genealogy and government documents. Prior positions include an Assistant Librarian position with the Cunningham Memorial Library at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, and a Reference and Instruction Librarian position with the John F. Reed Library at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado.

Fourteen steps to finding Scottish ancestors in the History and Genealogy Department

Scotland has a long and interesting history. The area was once a wild, remote place populated by rival Gaelic tribes, including the Picts, Scots, and Britons. It was invaded by Vikings and Saxons and later – less successfully – by the Romans, who built two walls to contain the warlike natives and keep them out of England. Today it is peacefully a part of the United Kingdom, despite calls for independence,

Culturally, the Scots have given us bagpipes, country music, kilts, scones, and whiskey, not to mention well-known authors such as Walter Scott, Robert Burns and Robert Louis Stevenson. Many Americans are descended from the Scots and the Scots-Irish, those Scots who colonized Northern Ireland beginning in the 17th century. If you are researching your Scottish ancestors, the St. Louis County History and Genealogy Department has recently acquired hundreds of resources to help you in your quest. The following are suggested steps you can take to get started with some suggested sources to consult. Call numbers refer to shelf locations in the History and Genealogy Department. Call numbers that do not begin with “R” or “MAP” are available for checkout or can be obtained at other libraries through interlibrary loan services.

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Tracing Your Scottish Family History, call no. 941.1 A239T, is available for checkout from the History and Genealogy Department’s collection.
St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting
Saturday, November 8, 10:00 a.m.
Headquarters Auditorium

Details of a Probate File: Gone but not Forgotten
Featured speakers: Nick Allen & Mike Everman
Probate estate files contain documents that can provide information about an ancestor’s financial assets, personal property, debts, death and burial, and relationships with friends, enemies and relatives. Indexes and case files for thousands of persons are preserved and available at the probate court office, on microfilm, or online via the websites of the Probate Court and the Missouri State Archives.

St. Louis Genealogical Society Jewish Special Interest Group
Wednesday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.
Headquarters Auditorium
Finding and Using Online Maps
From Google Maps to sites that feature interactive maps of Eastern Europe, the Internet is a great source for discovering migration paths, shtetl locations, family farms, apartment buildings, and much more.
Featured Speaker: Bob Goode
1. Acquaint yourself with Scottish history.


2. Consult a guide for Scottish genealogical and historical research.


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Tours
Tours of the department are conducted on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. No registration is required. Group tours are gladly arranged with advance notice by calling 314-994-3300, ext. 2070.

3. Find out if your Scottish family has already been researched.


4. Learn more about your Scottish family’s name, clan and tartan.


*Official Tartan Map of Tartans Approved by Clan Chiefs, the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, or the Lord Lyon King of Arms*. New York: Crown Publishers, 1976. MAP R 929.6 O32


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**5. Locate your ancestor’s town of origin using a map, atlas or gazetteer.**


*Historical Map of Scotland*. Edinburgh: John Bartholomew & Son, 1978. MAP R 941.1 H673


*Scotland of Old: Ancient Territories of Scottish Clans or Considerable Families, With Arms of Their Chiefs or Heads*. Edinburgh: John Bartholomew & Son, 1975. MAP R 941.1 S424


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**6. Search Scottish church records for baptisms, marriages and deaths.**

Civil registration did not begin in Scotland until 1855, but vital information before that date is commonly available in church records. The History and Genealogy Department has many parish records available for your use. To find materials for a specific parish in the library’s online catalog (<http://webpac.slcl.org>), click on the “Advanced search” link, and then select “Subject” from the drop-down menu. Enter search terms in the following format:

Registers of births, etc. Scotland [name of parish].

See also Bloxham, V. Ben. *Key to the Parochial Registers of Scotland from Earliest Times through 1854*. Provo, Utah: Stevenson’s Genealogical Center, 1979. R 941.1 B657K

**7. Check Scottish memorial transcription records for burials.**

The Department has a collection of almost 500 Scottish memorial transcription (cemetery) books. A complete list of holdings for Scottish memorial transcription is available on the library’s website (<http://tinyurl.com/osroxzy>).


**8. Investigate the migration routes of Scottish emigrants.**

Many Scots went to other parts of Europe, Canada, the Caribbean, and beyond.


9. Find your ancestor in Scottish or U. S. census records.

In the U. S., census records are released to the public after 72 years; in the United Kingdom, they are kept private for 100. The 1841 census of Scotland was the first to record the names of every person in the household. The first U. S. census to do so was in 1850.


10. Read about Scottish military and maritime records.


12. Read Scottish genealogical periodicals

*The Highlander*. Barrington, Ill.: A. J. Ray. R 941.1 H638

*The Scottish Genealogist*. Edinburgh: The Scottish Genealogy Society. R 941.1 S431

13. Peruse directories and address books for an association for your clan or to get contact information for Scottish organizations that might of interest.


14. Browse the shelves in the History and Genealogy Department.

Not every book for Scottish genealogy has been listed in this article. Most items pertaining to Scotland are shelved in the 941.1 Dewey Decimal call number range in the History and Genealogy Department. Browse the shelves, or speak to a librarian for assistance.
November 1, 1855
Gasconade railroad bridge disaster

On Nov. 1, 1855, a newly built bridge over the Gasconade River failed to hold the weight of a passenger train. Thirteen of its 14 cars left the tracks and fell 30 feet, killing 34 passengers and injuring more than a hundred others.

The train was traveling from St. Louis to Jefferson City to debut a new route to the capital. After stopping at Hermann to add another car with a company of soldiers, it proceeded to the bridge at normal speed. An earlier train with fewer cars had successfully crossed the bridge at a slower speed, but the ill-fated passenger train failed to reach even the first pier.

Among the dead were Henry Chouteau (who in 1841 served as the Recorder of Deeds), Rev. Dr. Artemas Bul- lard of the First Presbyterian Church, and Rev. John Teasdale of the Third Baptist Church. The president of the railroad company, Hudson E. Bridge was on the train, but survived the crash, as did Washington King, St. Louis mayor at the time. King proclaimed Nov. 5 as a day of prayer and fasting in remembrance for the 33 victims of the disaster.

The Missouri Daily Democrat reported the incident on Nov. 2, 1855. The History and Genealogy Department has microfilm copies of the newspaper, which later became the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

December 28, 1832
St. Louis University

On December 28, 1832, Saint Louis University received its charter, the first west of the Mississippi River. Originally founded in 1818 by Bishop Louis Dubourg at Third and Market Streets as an academy, the school came under the direction of the Jesuits in 1827 and combined with an Indian Seminary near Florissant for the 1828 – 1829 school year. In 1829 the school became a college and moved to Ninth and Washington. The college, which educated both day-scholars and boarders from as far away as Louisiana, had an average enrollment of 150 students. In September of 1832 the Faculty of St. Louis College petitioned the General Assembly of Missouri for a charter, which was signed by Governor Daniel Dunklin on December 28.

View the list of new books on the web

A list of new books received during the previous month now appears on the library’s website. View the list by clicking on the graphic, left, or by typing the URL into your browser: <http://tinyurl.com/ktha6fr>.

Looking for a specific state, or county?

Books pertaining to specific states (and counties within states) begin with the same call number. A chart of Dewey Decimal numbers for states and counties is posted on the library website <http://tinyurl.com/oqy8xp8>. Other subjects are also grouped by call number. For example, family histories begin with 929.2. Materials for Scotland begin with 941 and those for Germany begin with 943.

Czech American Timeline
By Miloslav Rechcigl
Authorhouse, 2013
R 973.04918

Czech American Timeline chronicles important events bearing on Czech-American history, from the earliest known entry of a Czech on American soil to date. This comprehensive chronology depicts the dazzling epic history of Czech colonists, settlers, as well as early visitors, and their descendants, starting in 1519, with Hernán Cortés’ soldier Johann Berger in Mexico, and in 1528, the Jáchymov miners in Haiti, through the escapades of Bohemian Jesuits in Latin America in the 17th and 18th centuries, the Bohemian and Moravian pioneer settlers in New Amsterdam (New York) in the 17th century and the extraordinary mission work of Moravian Brethren in the 18th century, to the mass migration of Czechs from the Habsburg Empire in the second half of the 19th and the early part of the 20th centuries and the contemporary exodus of Czechs from Nazism and Communism. Historically, this is the first serious undertaking of its kind. This is an invaluable reference to all researchers and students of Czech-American history, as well as to professionals and amateurs of Czech-American genealogy, and to individuals interested in immigration and cultural history, in general.—Publisher

Chasing the Frontier: Scotch-Irish in Early America
By Larry J. Hoefting
iUniverse, 2005
R 973.0491 H693C

The story of the Scots-Irish is one of the struggles and achievements of an American immigrant group that
existed for only a short period, whose descendants continued to make their marks on the young country for generations. From the North of Ireland to the backwoods of the American frontier, the tale of the Scots-Irish includes a massive exodus to the New World, where they founded communities in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, and the Irish Tract of North Carolina during the Revolutionary War era.

Containing nearly six thousand names of documented settlers of the primarily Scots-Irish settlements of Virginia and North Carolina, Chasing The Frontier includes materials from church records, military records, early wills and deeds, and newspapers of the time. For the frontier families, life was a daily test of endurance and hardship, but the Scots-Irish also found time for horseracing, gambling, and socializing, and the migration of this hardy race and the lure of the frontiers of Kentucky and Tennessee led to the founding of churches and state charters, and elections to some of the highest offices in the country.

Chasing the Frontier is a snapshot of everyday life for the pioneering Scots-Irish in early America.—Publisher

**Fortress America: The Forts That Defended America, 1600 to the Present**
By J.E. Kaufmann
Da Capo Press, 2004
R 623.1973 K21F

From the earliest colonial settlements to Cold War bunkers, the North American continent has been home to thousands of forts and fortress structures. Fortress America surveys the broad sweep of fortifications throughout North America—from seacoast forts of the late eighteenth century to wooden inland forts built to defend against Native American, English, French, or Spanish attack; from Civil War-era coastal and inland waterways forts to the Great Plains’ forts of the Old West; from World War II subterranean bunkers to Cold War concrete missile silos. The text of Fortress America is complemented with never-before-published photographs, and extraordinary drawings, cut-aways, and diagrams illustrating the design and structure of American forts.—Publisher

**The Homefront in Civil War Missouri**
By James W. Erwin
The History Press, 2014
R 973.7 E73H

Over one thousand Civil War engagements were fought in Missouri, and the conflict could not be quarantined from civilian life. In the
countryside, the wives and mothers of absent soldiers had to cope with marauders from both sides. Children saw their fathers and brothers beaten, hanged or shot. In the cities, a cheer for Jeff Davis could land a young boy in jail, and a letter to a sweetheart in the Confederate army could get a girl banished from the state. Women volunteered to care for the flood of wounded and sick soldiers. Slavery crumbled and created new opportunities for black men to serve in the Union army but left their families vulnerable to retaliation at home. The turbulence and bitterness of guerrilla war was everywhere.—Publisher

New microfilm


The St. Louis Republican was a newspaper with many title changes over the life of its publication. St. Louis County Library now has holdings for the following titles and dates:

- Missouri Republic News, May 1828 – Jun 1838
- St. Louis, Missouri Republican, 1850 – 1851, Jan. 1854 – June 1854
- Daily Missouri Republican, May 1854 – Jan. 14, 1869
- Missouri Republican, Jan 14, 1869 – Nov. 3, 1873; July 1, 1879 – Dec. 31 1879
- St. Louis Republican, Nov. 4, 1873 – Dec. 31, 1876
- St. Louis, MO Republic, April 24, 1888 – June 27, 1888
- St. Louis, Missouri Republican, 1880 – Sept. 1881; Aug. 1883 – April 1888
- St. Louis Republic, June 28, 1888 – Oct. 8, 1888; Nov. 1, 1919 – Dec. 4, 1919

New at Ancestry Library Edition

Ancestry has added many new databases for Germany, including births, marriages, deaths, parish registers, family registers, emigration registers and recruitment rolls. Check Ancestry Library Edition for locations and date coverage.

Ancestry Library Edition can be used for free at any St. Louis County Library location.

- Alabama, Voter Registration Records, 1867
- California, Spanish Archive Records, 1784–1868
- California, State Court Naturalization Records, 1850–1986
- Delaware, Land Records, 1677–1947
- Netherlands, GenealogieOnline Trees Index, 1000–Current
- New England, Select United Methodist Church Records, 1787–1922
- North Carolina, Civil Action Court Papers, 1712–1970
- Scotland, Prison Records Index, 1828–1878